

# *Executive Proclamation*

## *State of South Dakota*

### *Office of the Governor*

*Whereas*, Sonia Thomas was born and raised in South Dakota, and exemplifies all the fine qualities of a South Dakotan—patriotism and devotion to America, her family, and friends; and,

*Whereas*, Sonia married Al Thomas and they settled in Pierre to work and raise their daughter, Jennifer; and,

*Whereas*, Sonia began working for the state of South Dakota in the Department of Health on April 18, 1977, as an Accountant Clerk III; and,

*Whereas*, Sonia has worked for the state of South Dakota for over 26 years in the Department of Health, Bureau of Administration, and most recently in the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs as an Accountant Assistant; and,

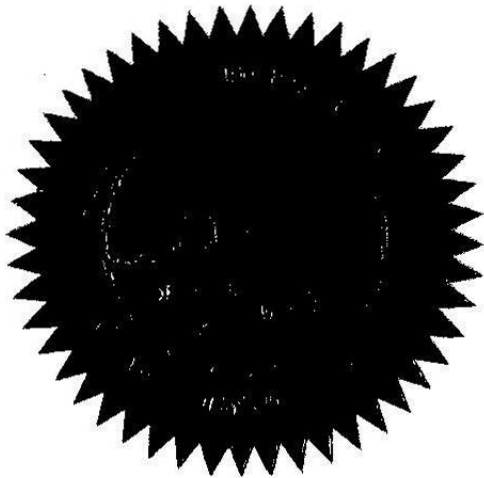
*Whereas*, Sonia Thomas is retiring from the state of South Dakota on December 8, 2004, to enjoy pursuits at home and to be an at-home grandmother for Marisa and Blake; and,

*Whereas*, It is fitting and proper as Governor to make special note of this outstanding South Dakotan on the momentous occasion of her retirement on December 8, 2004:

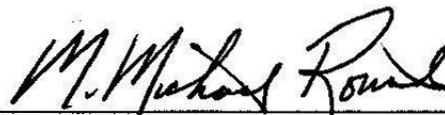
*Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds*, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim December 8, 2004, as

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in South Dakota, and I join her many friends and colleagues in offering Sonia best wishes for a healthy, happy, and enjoyable retirement.



*In Witness Whereof*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Thirtieth Day of November in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Four.

  
M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

  
Chris Nelson, Secretary of State